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LETTER

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Dear Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on December 13, 2004 citing two references. The PAIR system evidences receipt of the IDS on December 16, 2004, however Form PTO-1449 downloaded from the PAIR system was not initialed by the Examiner. There was no copy of Form PTO-1449 as filed on December 13, 2004 with the Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance, which were the next communications sent to applicant from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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